

PROCEEDINGS OF PIERCE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 5, 2023

The Pierce County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on September 5, 2023. Chairman Hoffert called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with members Bohl, Christenson, Bednarz, and Migler present. Also present was Scott Engeland.

Chairman Hoffert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Bednarz to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Bohl to accept the August minutes as mailed. Motion carried.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Migler to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid were ordered paid. Motion carried.

Board reviewed Officer fee reports and hourly workers time sheets.

Board reviewed report from Heart of America Community Service Program from Lisa Coffman, Community Service Coordinator. Open cases 14, new cases 1, Fees received \$180.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Bednarz to approve Treasurer's check #6326, in the amount of \$427.16, for the month of August. Motion carried.

Curt Brown, newly hired custodian, was introduced to the Board.

Josh Siegler, Pierce Co. Sheriff, and Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, joined the meeting.

Josh Siegler, Sheriff, gave the Board a report for the month of August, for the Sheriff's department. Total calls-48; Medical Calls-3; Fire Calls-2; Traffic Accidents-2; Assist Other Agencies-11; Prisoner Transports-3; Arrests 3 (2- DUS, 1 DUI); Citations-17; Papers Served-16; Warrants Served-0. Siegler reported that he was still looking for someone for dispatch and he informed the Board that Deputy Gunville was out on medical leave.

Board recessed to sit on the HACTC Board.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, went over the bills for the month of August. Moved by Migler and seconded by Bohl to approve those bills previously paid and those yet unpaid were ordered paid, for the month of August, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Mike Graner, Jail Administrator, HACTC, gave the Board a report on the inmate population at the jail facility for August, which was 76 (ADP). Current inmate count is 75. High of 82 for August. Bookings 42, Releases 48. Pierce County inmate population for August was 6. Deficit of \$7,046.89

for the month of July. Personnel 21/24 officers. There was 1 returning officer and 1 will be back from military leave on 9/18. Graner asked what the final decision was for the budget. The Board informed him of the 5% raise for all the employees. Graner said he would like to see the officers that are certified get a 1 ½ to 3% adjustment. Board told him to make the adjustments and get the figures in for the budget. Moved by Christenson and seconded by Bednarz to approve the financial report for the month of July, for the HACTC. Motion carried.

Some of the other items discussed: Graner reported the serious incident that happened at the jail, which was the death of an inmate discovered during a routine check. Graner informed the board that a down payment was needed on the steamer for the kitchen. Graner also informed the Board that he would be going through peace officer training. He would be doing remote learning and about 5 weeks total training in Bismarck.

Board reconvened at 9:45 A.M. with all members present.

Brenden Klebe, County Extension Agent, met briefly with the Board. Klebe said National 4-H Week was October 1st-7th. He asked the Board to show their support for the Pierce County 4-H program by signing a 4-H proclamation for 4-H Week. Klebe reported that the county entered D3 drought, which opened up eligible programs for ranchers.

Jesse Brandvold, Wold Engineering, joined the meeting. Brandvold reported that the Selz Project is scheduled to start sometime around September 15th. He talked about the County Federal Aid program and said the commissioners will be meeting with the D.O.T. at the Association of Counties convention, held in Bismarck October 8th-10th.

Board reviewed abatement application submitted by Gloria Grove for tax years 2021 & 2022 (2023-53-54) on the following described property, W1/2 Lot 5, all Lot 6, Block 4, Lockwood's Addition, City of Rugby. Moved by Christenson and seconded by Bednarz to approve the abatement applications for tax years 2021 & 2022, as recommended by the Tax Director, as Homestead Credit filed. Motion carried.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Bohl to accept the financial report for the month of August. Motion carried.

Moved by Bohl and seconded by Christenson to transfer \$100,000. from the General Fund to the HACTC Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Christenson and seconded by Migler to transfer \$20,000. from Wireless Fund to the E911 Fund. Motion carried.

Christenson presented an estimate from St. Michel Furniture for carpet or carpet tile for the Memorial Hall. Board agreed to go with the carpet tile. Board also discussed advertising for bids, for heaters for the Memorial Hall.

The Board discussed information received from Souris Basin Planning Council, on the regional livestock development and planning grant program. No further action taken at this time.

Moved by Migler and seconded by Bednarz to issue a call for bids for premium diesel fuel, propane, and gasoline. Bids to be opened at the October meeting. Motion carried.

Board reviewed delinquent real estate in accordance with Section 57-28-10 NDCC. Moved by Bohl and seconded by Christenson, that the hearing date be set for October 3, 2023, at 9:30 A.M. in accordance with Section 57-28-11 NDCC. Motion carried.

Bohl informed the rest of the Board that he asked for an agreement to be drawn up with Rolette County for a 10.5 mile stretch of gravel road shared with Rolette County.

There being no further business to transact, moved by Bednarz and seconded by Bohl, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 A.M. Motion carried.

Karen Migler, Auditor-Treasurer
Pierce County, North Dakota

Terry Hoffert, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

AUGUST EXPENDITURES

ND PERS \$553.02, ND Child Support \$67.50, Pierce Co. Payroll \$57662.32, \$16295.16, \$66.08, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$16.16, Family Support Registry \$782, Kentucky Child Support \$60, General Roofing \$100000, City of Rugby \$10590.53, NDTC \$1610.89, Northern Plains Electric \$140, JP Morgan \$779.45, Quadient Finance \$200, NDTC \$798.46, ND PERS \$28.36, Pierce Co. Payroll \$32243.65, \$9231.36, \$34.40, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$92.64, Pierce Co. Payroll \$79891.46, \$22490.44, \$37.06, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$225.69, EBIX \$14.88, Colonial Life \$31.25, AFLAC \$1204.36, Security Benefit \$1747.27, Nationwide \$1230, \$1928.03, Post Board \$45, Otter Tail \$1156.61, \$5755.80, \$183.90, Pierce Co. Payroll \$57832.85, \$16268.68, \$66.08 Pierce Co. Treasurer \$27.25, Family Support Registry \$782, Kentucky Child Support \$60, ND PERS \$26196.84, ND PHIT \$62681.70, HACTC Bills \$48238.88, City of Rugby \$2455.08, HACTC Resident Fund \$783.50, Culinx \$12041, Bednarz, Dave \$85.15, Bohl, Joe \$111.35, Christenson, Mike \$111.35, Hoffert, Terry \$85.15, Migler, Dave \$318.33, Fritel, Karin \$27.51, \$53, Siegler, Kelsey \$196.50, Mack Law Office \$473.59, Circle Sanitation \$156, Pierce Co. Tribune \$265.98, Advanced Business Methods \$208.61, Stein's \$110.23, ITD \$3846.21, Computer Store \$399.98, Quadient Finance \$2000, Software Innovations \$1100, Brad's Towing \$153.93, HACTC \$139.93, HACTC \$13683.48, HAMC \$1830, Office of Attny Gen. \$575, Redwood Tox. Reditest \$295.11, Redwood Tox. \$56.37, Hager, Dustin \$75, Axtman, Michael \$260, Wieler, Tanya \$2000, Computer Express \$3248, Isolved \$266.17, Clute \$1602.31, Matthew Bender \$98.31, Pierce Co. Treasurer \$9.87, City of Rugby \$847.26, Rugby Hardware Hank \$58.87, Envision \$11488.71, Rugby Service Center \$1389.69, B & J Excavating \$997.50, \$4425, Susag Sand & Gravel \$29301.80, \$1034.40, \$50, Deplazes \$18218.20, Ritterman \$62323.20, RDO \$1879.99, Linde \$299.92, PS Garage Doors \$4595, True North Steel \$18771.36, Newman \$185.93, Zeien, Paul \$222.05, General Roofing \$14446.56, NDSU Ext. \$7438.08, \$115, Polar Comm. \$3, NDTC \$203.66, Burkhard, Adam \$12150, May Construction \$49570, Hertz Funeral Homes \$480, Gunville, Duane \$50, Northern Plains Electric \$140

Grand Total \$849,155.19